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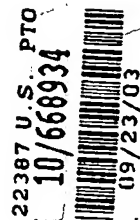
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PROCESS FOR MAKING A LINEAR ALPHA-OLEFIN OLIGOMER
USING A HEAT EXCHANGER

Field of the Invention

The invention pertains to a process for making a linear alpha-olefin oligomer in a reactor comprising a liquid and a gas phase, comprising the steps of
5 catalytically oligomerizing ethylene in the presence of a nickel, palladium, cobalt, titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, chromium, molybdenum, or tungsten complex, to the alpha-olefin oligomer with an average molecular weight of about 50 to about 350 under release of heat,
10 and removing the heat with a heat exchanger.

Background of the Invention

Various catalysts and processes are known for the production of higher linear alpha olefins (for example W. Kaminsky and M. Arndt-Rosenau, Chemical Background in
15 Applied Homogeneous Catalysis with organometallic Compounds, Ed. B. Cornils, W. A. Herrmann, 2nd Edition, Vol. 1, Ch. 2.3.1.1, page 213-230, Wiley-VCH 2002 and D. Vogt, Oligomerisation of ethylene to higher alpha-olefins in Applied Homogeneous Catalysis with organometallic
20 Compounds, Ed. B. Cornils, W. A. Herrmann, 2nd Edition, Vol. 1, Ch. 2.3.1.1, page 240-253, Wiley-VCH 2002). The commercial processes afford either a Poisson or Schulz-Flory oligomer product distribution. In such a process, a wide range of oligomers is typically made.

25 For instance, British patent application GB 135,873 describes the preparation of C₄-C₂₀ linear alpha-olefins by ethylene oligomerization in the presence of a catalyst composition comprising a divalent nickel salt, a boron hydride, and a tertiary organophosphorus compound.